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FOLLOWING REPEAT ISLAMABAD 4342 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
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QUOTE: S E C R E T ISLAMABAD 4342

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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT

REF: ISLAMABAD 4332

1. SHORTLY AFTER REFTTEL WAS TRANSMITTED AGHA SHAHI PHONED
ME TO SAY GOP NOW STRONGLY DESIRES THAT USG DELAY RECOGNIZING
KABUL GOVT. NEW ELEMENT IS THAT IRANIAN FONMIN HAS JUST
INFORMED GOP THROUGH IRANIAN AMB HERE THAT IRAN INTENDS TO
DELAY ITS RECOGNITION FOR SOME DAYS, AND THAT IRANIANS ARE
REQUESTING BOTH USG AND GOP TO DO LIKEWISE. SHAHI SAID
GOP HAD EARLIER BEEN PREPARED TO MEET USG WISH FOR RECOGNITION
ON MAY 4 OR 5 AND HAVE GOP DO SO NEARLY SIMULTANEOUSLY.
HOWEVER, NOW HAVING RECEIVED IRAN'S DIRECT REQUEST FOR DELAY,
GOP COULD HARDLY GO AHEAD. HE SAID GOP FEELS IT EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT TO AVOID ANY IMPRESSION OF DISARRAY AMONG

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PAKISTAN, USG AND IRAN. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IF USG MOVES
FIRST AND PAKISTAN DOES SO ONLY LATER THERE WOULD BE
SEVERE MISUNDERSTANDING WITHIN PAKISTAN, AND AFGHANS
MIGHT ALSO DRAW WRONG CONCLUSIONS. I SAID I WOULD PASS
THIS REQUEST IMMEDIATELY.

2. COMMENT: AMB ELIOT WILL WISH TO GIVE HIS OWN VIEWS

ABOUT EFFECTS OF DELAY. FROM HERE WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE
THAT CHRONICALLY INSECURE PAKISTANIS MAY WELL INTERPRET LACK
OF COORDINATION WITH USG IN THIS MATTER AS LACK OF US SUPPORT
FOR GOP. LIKEWISE WE AGREE ON DESIRABILITY OF COORDINATION
AMONG ALL THREE COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT WE HAVE
SOLICITED THEIR VIEWS.
HUMMEL UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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